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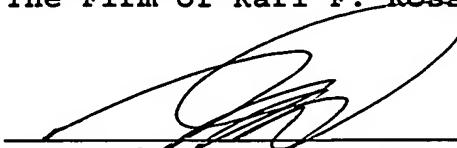
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For the record it is noted that EP 0 629 551 corresponds to United States Patent 5 463 846 and that EP 0 949 145 has a United States equivalent as Patent No. 6,128,888.

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